

RM-10352: Response to Comments of Harold Tate, N8FXH (January 17, 2002)

In comment filed January 17, 2002, Harold Tate, N8FXH wrote: "...This rule is not necessary as most of the time this band is well served by the gentlemen's agreement in place. Segmenting this band by ruling would open a can of worms on every band."

K1FK RESPONSE: RM-10352 is completely consistent with the "gentlemen's agreement", the ARRL bandplan for 160M as adopted in July 2001, and the Regional Bandplan recommendations of all three IARU districts which recommend that wide-band modes (SSB) be restricted to 1840 kHz and above.

Further, every other amateur HF band from 3.5 MHz to 29.7 MHz currently has an existing and supporting FCC ruling in CFR 47, Part 97.305 which supports amateur service self-governance, and these bandplans have historically been very successful.

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